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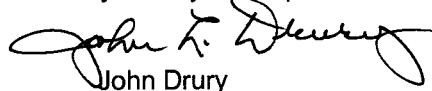
Dear Air Board-

I recently became aware of the proposal Mirant has presented to rescue the Potomac River Generating Station. I believe that saving the plant is the best thing for this community. I would like to regard this letter as a strong show of support for the power plant. I am in favor of saving jobs, cleaner air and continued electrical generation to the power grid. This stack merge solution is very economical and will not cost the taxpayers any additional taxes.

I am a 61 year old retiree from United Airlines. Additionally, I am also retired Military personnel. Both my wife and I support the plant and the plan to improve the air quality. I have been in Alexandria for over 25 years and take pride in my community. I am proud to be a part of this project by supporting any proposal to salvage the plant and utilize the structure that is there which is beneficial to all those involved in this project.

Please take this letter and other like it into consideration. I do know your time is valuable and appreciate you for taking the time to read my letter. Thanks in advance and have a terrific day.

Thank you for your help,



John Drury

WE NEED TO LOOK MORE THAN A WEEK AHEAD. WE ARE ON THE VERGE OF GREATLY INCREASING ELECTRICAL DEMAND. CONGRESS HAS RAISED C.A.F.E. STANDARDS, AND THE NEXT EVOLUTION IN AUTOMOBILES IS THE PLUG-IN HYBRID. THE POPULATION IS GROWING, COMPUTERS AND OTHER ELECTRONICS ARE INCREASINGLY INTEGRATED INTO OUR LIVES, AND ELECTRIC VEHICLES ARE ON THE WAY. WE SHOULD NOT BE CLOSING POWER PLANTS UNTIL NEW PLANTS (PREFERABLY NUCLEAR) ARE ON-LINE. PLUG IN HYBRIDS USING POWER FROM THE POTOMAC RIVER GENERATING STATION WILL TOGETHER PRODUCE LESS AIR POLLUTION THAN THE CONVENTIONAL VEHICLES THEY REPLACE.